

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# The City Of Augusta

## *Proclamation*

*IN RECOGNITION of “Richard Wallace and The Mighty Clouds of Joy”, celebrating over 50 years, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the “Parade of Quartets”*

*WHEREAS, “The Mighty Clouds of Joy” were the first Gospel group to perform on “Soul Train” and continued to attract secular audiences throughout their career earning them national acclaim as one of the well-known and respected gospel groups in the gospel music industry; and*

*WHEREAS, “The Mighty Clouds of Joy”, having performed with such performing greats as Ray Charles, Marvin Gaye, Aretha Franklin, Gladys Knight, and Patti Labelle, held to such high standards necessary for their eleven Grammy Award nominations and three winning Grammy Awards; and*

*WHEREAS, Richard Wallace, while performing with the original “Mighty Clouds of Joy”, performed for two United States Presidents, Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter, and performed on closed circuit television for President Richard Nixon and Senator Hubert Humphrey; and*

*WHEREAS, “The Mighty Clouds of Joy” hold legendary status and the distinction of being the most visible gospel act in history, performing on nearly every major television show in America including “The Stellar Awards”, “The Grammy Awards” and “The Arsenio Hall Show”, among the scores of television hit shows and with the same excellence performed in the feature film, “Gospel”; and*

*WHEREAS, “The Mighty Clouds of Joy” were among the first quartets to incorporate movement and choreography into their act and matching the charisma they presented in their colorful attire they rose to recognition as “The Temptations of Gospel”; and*

*WHEREAS, “The Mighty Clouds of Joy” were heard throughout the world in countries such as Africa, Japan, England, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, France, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Italy, Denmark, and Canada; and within the venerated edifices found in the United States of America to include Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center and The Lincoln Center.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim November 6, 2004, as “RICHARD WALLACE AND THE MIGHTY CLOUDS OF JOY DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, in celebration of outstanding community service and urge all citizens to join in this observance.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2004.*

*Mayor*